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William F. Caton
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Room 222
Washington, DC. 20554

**Re: Nomination of Robert F. Kelley, Jr. For Membership on Rural Task Force,
CC Docket 96-45**

Dear Mr. Caton:

The Federal-State Joint Board (Joint Board) on Universal Service recommended the establishment of a Rural Task Force (RTF) to "provide valuable assistance in identifying the issues unique to rural carriers and analyzing the appropriateness of proxy cost models for rural carriers." As the Governor of Guam, I am especially pleased that the Federal Communications Commission agreed with the Joint Board's recommendation to establish the RTF and further encouraged the Joint Board to include a representative from remote and insular areas.

A key component of my policy as Governor of Guam is to insure that the residents and businesses of Guam have full access to affordable local and long distance telephone services with the same availability as the rest of the citizens of the United States of America. Prior to July 1, 1997, Guam was considered an international location and did not receive the economic or service benefits of being part of the US telephone system and the North American Numbering Plan. Guam, along with our northern neighbor, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), are new members of the US telephone system.

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My Special Assistant for Telecommunications and Technology, Mr. Robert F. Kelley, Jr. has been a key player in the process of making Guam and the other insular areas domestic locations from the beginning of the congressional action on the Telecommunications Act of 1996. I would like to nominate him to serve on the RTF. It is essential for the Commission and Joint Board continue to have active dialog and input from the insular areas and I believe Mr. Kelley's knowledge of and experience in insular telecommunications will provide valuable insights to the RTF as the representative of insular areas and/or Alaska (Category 5). I am attaching a summary of his biography with this letter.

This letter is provided in compliance with the Public Notice for the above captioned matter released on September 17, 1997. You may contact Mr. Kelley at telephone (671) 475-9323 or Fax (671) 475-9329 for any clarification or questions regarding his nomination to the RTF.

Sincerely,



Carl T.C. Gutierrez
Governor of Guam

Attachment

cc: Attached Service List

Robert F. Kelley, Jr.
Biography

Robert F. Kelley, Jr. was born in North Carolina in 1950. As a child in a military family, he lived through out the United States. After graduating from the University of Kentucky in 1972 he became a Vista Volunteer for two years in rural Kentucky. Mr. Kelley became a resident of Guam in 1976. After a total of over 10 years active duty as an Army Engineer Officer with assignments including Company Commander, Management Information Officer, Maintenance Officer and Eighth US Army Master Planer, Mr. Kelley continues to hold a reserve commission in the Army. He was Co-Founder of two international long distance communications companies (PCI Communications and Asian American Telecom). After serving in senior management positions of these two companies, he became the managing partner of a regional communications consulting company (Management Communications Services).

After over 25 years experience in the communications field Mr. Kelley was chosen by Governor of Guam, Carl TC Gutierrez to be his principal advisor on telecommunications, technology and infrastructure. In this capacity, has been a leader in the planning and approvals of Guam becoming part of the United States telephone system which will bring United States telephone rates and services to the people of Guam. Mr. Kelley has been an active proponent for degovernmentalizing the Guam Telephone Authority (GTA) and serves as the advisor to the GTA Board for regulatory and technical issues. He was active in promoting the autonomy of the Guam Water Works Authority (GWWA) and the implementation of "cost based" water rates for the authority. He is currently assisting GWWA's transitions to an autonomous authority including a joint civilian-military island wide water system. Mr. Kelley also has oversight of the Government of Guam's transition to interoperable open computer systems that will simplify the operation of the government and lower the aquisition and support costs for hardware and software. Mr. Kelley continues to put his military experience to use by serving as advisor to the Governor of Guam for National Guard issues.

Mr. Kelley has experience in telecommunications design, project management and regulatory approvals in Guam, the Pacific Basin and other international locations. He designed and managed various telecommunications projects on Guam, including Guam and CNMI's Public Radio satellite link between Guam and Brewster Washington and the distance education system for the Northern Mariana's College. He also designed and managed Public Switched Telephone Network, cellular telephone systems and International long distance services in Russia and data and voice communications networks through out the Pacific. Mr. Kelley has been a leader in the design and use of derived digital low bit rate voice circuits for thin route Intelsat services to provide service to rural Pacific islands. He has published widely on the impact of telecommunications on the Pacific and communications regulatory issues effecting the US Territories.

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